

Town of Wenham  
Town Hall & Police Station Building Committee  
Meeting of Thursday, March 2, 2006 ~ 7:30 PM  
Fire Station Meeting Room

Meeting #97

Present: John Darling, Chair; Ken Walsh; Ben Tymann; Stan Dodge; Harriet Davis; Don Bannon; Bill Nichols; David Mehlin; James Howard; Ken Whittaker; Tom Tanous; John Clemenzi  
Also Present: Catherine Tinsley, Secretary  
Not Present: Todd Brainard; Jeff Chelgren

7:35 pm – Mr. Darling called the meeting to order and identified the agenda.

Minutes

*Mr. Dodge moved to accept and approve the Building Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2006; February 16, 2006; and February 23, 2006.*

*Mr. Bannon seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

Community Preservation Act (CPA) application

Mr. Darling thanked those Committee members who attended the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting. He briefly reviewed the meeting and said that the CPC indicated that they will make their decision on the applications by March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Committee talked about trying to accelerate the schedule to have the budget numbers from the cost estimator by March 29<sup>th</sup> to complete the BC's application.

There was a general discussion regarding CPA funding and it was noted that the availability of funding under the CPA was one of the reasons for the Town Meeting's return to a project approach that included the rehabilitation of the town hall building.

Fire/Police station site survey

Regarding the proposed plan for building a new police station on the fire/police station site, Mr. Darling suggested that a surveyor be contacted to prepare a survey for the existing location of the buildings, proposed future buildings and the set backs.

The Conservation Commission will also be contacted concerning the proposed building on the site. Further information will be presented to the committee when it is obtained.

Borings on the Fire/Police station site

The architect has been asked to contact a boring company to provide cost estimates and scheduling to perform the borings in the area of the proposed station.

Cost estimator services

Mr. Darling said a call was made to the cost estimator Ryder, Hunt, Leavitt, and Bailey, concerning the preparation of cost estimates for various alternate project plans being developed by the architect. A schedule is being developed to coordinate with the architect's work on the alternatives.

Project schedule

Mr. Darling informed the Committee that after talking with the architect, at present, the earliest possible date construction can be started on the project is September 2006. The Committee discussed authorizing the architect, regardless which plan is chosen, to move continuously to the next steps to save time and get the project started by the fall.

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The Committee talked about starting construction as soon as possible in view of the continuing escalation of construction costs.

Other business

The architect and mechanical engineers will be at the next meeting to discuss possible changes to the 2003 plans and building systems for the alternative designs now being developed.

*8:31 p.m. - Mr. Dodge moved to adjourn, Mr. Howard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.*